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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Akira NAKAGAWA et al.

Group Art Unit : 1642

Application No.: 10/533,158

Examiner: Sean E. Aeder

Filing Date: August 30, 2005

Attorney Docket No.: 7388/84325

Confirmation No.: 2186

Customer No.: 42798

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED OCTOBER 18, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants respond to the October 18, 2007 requirement for restriction.

Applicants elect, with traverse, the sequence identified as SEQ ID NO: 1. Applicants' election involves at least claims 1-7, 11, 12, 14, and 16.

Applicants courteously solicit the Examiner's reconsideration of the amendment or the Restriction Requirement.

Applicants respectfully point out that the sequence known as SEQ ID NO: 175 is a part of the elected sequence SEQ ID NO: 1. In addition, the sequence known as SEQ ID NO: 176 is a part of the complimentary sequence of the elected SEQ. ID NO:1. In this respect, it is courteously submitted the sequences known as SEQ ID NO: 175 and SEQ ID NO: 176 should be considered along with the elected sequence. These latter sequences involve Claims 8, 9, 10, 13 and 15.

Favorable first action on the merits as to all the above-mentioned claims and sequences, together with Examiner's confirmation of having independently carefully studied and reviewed information heretofore disclosed is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the claims or suggestions for successfully concluding prosecution towards a allowance, he is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned legal representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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